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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

**WITHOUT FILING FEE AND/OR WITHOUT EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Date: January 28, 2002

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:  
**MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, NON-MAGNETIC ACICULAR BLACK IRON-BASED COMPOSITE PARTICLES AND  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE PARTICLES**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract

128 pages of specification and claims (including 36 numbered claims), and  
sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
9-362701	JP	12/12/1997
11-220181	JP	03/08/1999
2000-131866	JP	28/04/2000
98310175.9	EP	11/12/1998
00306559.6	EP	02/08/2000

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/632,096, filed August 2, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/523,646 filed March 10, 2000 which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/208,771 filed December 10, 1998 the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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